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In re Patent Application of:

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ACID MOLECULES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 18, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated February 5, 2010, for which a response is due on February 18, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** consisting of a replacement drawing (1 sheet, 1 figure) follows page 14 of this paper.